GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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LHB Coaches
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Railways pace of switching over to LHB coaches has been very slow and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that phasing out of the ICF designed coaches will take almost 30 years if the Railways moves ahead with the current pace of production of modern Linke Hoffman Busch coaches and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many suggestions have been received in the past suggesting that ICF designed coaches poses safety risks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) Indian Railways is completely switching over to production of LHB coaches from 2018-19. The production of LHB coaches is being progressively increased and 2373, 3025 & 3349 LHB coaches are planned to be manufactured in the year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively.
(b) Indian Railways is replacing conventional ICF coaches of important Mail/Express trains by LHB coaches in a phased manner. It is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to operational requirement, maintenance facility, Commissioner of Railway Safetys' (CRS) sanction, availability of coaches etc. So far nearly 185 rakes in 135 pairs of trains are running with LHB coaches.
(c) & (d) No such suggestion has been received in the past.
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